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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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Group/Art Unit : 3671  
Examiner : Alexandra Pechhold  
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**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)  
UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.114**

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Sir:

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) of the above-identified application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114. With reference to 37 C.F.R. § 1.114(b), a Notice of Allowance was mailed in connection with above-identified application on April 8, 2004. A check in the amount of \$770.00 is enclosed for the RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(e). An Information Disclosure Statement is being concurrently filed with Applicant's Request for Continued Examination (RCE).

It is respectfully requested that the following Amendments and Remarks and the Information Disclosure Statement filed concurrently and in connection with this Request be considered to be the submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114(a).

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**Amendments to the Specification** are reflected on page 3.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 4 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 7 of this paper.